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## **News**

### **TX5S Clipperton Island -update by Gene K5G January 25**

We're working with the skipper on a departure plan. The weather outlook indicates an earlier departure than originally planned, exact date to be determined. Safely getting over the reef is the goal and to do that the tides and the winds must cooperate. The skipper is suggesting the ride back to San Diego will be uncomfortable regardless of departure date. More information to follow after another meeting with the skipper in about 12 hours.



### **ZD7Z St Helena Isl –update January 22**

The noise level on 160m at ZD7Z is very high as can be seen in the pictures. It's currently a work in progress to reduce it. Every night, Elvira will try this band. So far only a few southern EU have made the top band log.

### **8R7X Guyana DXpedition 2024 –update**

The 8R – Guyana 2024 project is thrilled to announce a major achievement as the Guyanese Telecommunications Authority assigns them the special callsign **8R7X** for the duration of their activity. After originally given a longer callsign, this is a big step for the project to smooth the operating process.

Furthermore, it can be said that all necessary paperwork has been finalized to ensure smooth travels and operations for the whole team.

Right now, the team is busy testing final pieces of their equipment. The antennas, a crucial part of the project, are already packed and ready to go.

The team will gather in Miami, Florida – USA, on February 12th, 2024, before flying to Georgetown, Guyana. On the day after, they plan to set up their equipment in this beautiful South American location.

Starting from February 14th and running until February 24th, the 8R – Guyana 2024 team will be on the air. They'll be operating on various frequencies and modes covering 160m – 6m (no license for 5.3 MHz), connecting with DXer's around the world.

## **DXCC**

### **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

#### **VK and ZL travels by GM4DLG**

Look for Bob, GM4DLG to be active from the following locations during January 21 to March 9:

**ZL7 – Chatham Islands**

**VK9N – Norfolk Island**

**ZL1 – North**

**ZL4 – South**

**VK9L – Lord Howe Island**

**VK7 – Tasmania**

QRV on SSB only (100w) 20-40-80m using 2-element vertical arrays for each band next to the water.

**4S, SRI LANKA** Peter, DC0KK is again operating as 4S7KKG until March 30. Activity mostly using FT4/8 with some CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**6W, SENEGAL** Gerhard, OE3GEA is operating as 6W/call until February 4. Active on HF using CW. QSL via home call.

**6Y, JAMAICA** Akira, JA7FYF is operating as 6Y/call during January.

**7O, YEMEN** Vlad OK2WX will be active from Socotra island AF-028 as 7O2WX during January 25 to February 12. Focus on low bands (160, 80 and 40m). A log will be available online. Participation in the CQ 160m DX Contest CW. QSL via IZ8CCW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Keith, G3WRO is operating in 'holiday-style' as 8Q7WR until February 6. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using SSB with perhaps some 80 meter activity. QSL via home call.

**CN, MOROCCO** Michel, F5LRL is once again operating as CN2DX from near Kenitra until February 24. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 during his spare time. QSL via home call.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Herve, FHRY is once again QRV as FG/call until February 2. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Look for Francis FM/F6BWJ until mid-March. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL** The Perseverance DX Group is QRV as TX5S until February 2. Plan is to be QRV between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. <https://clip.pdxg.net/>

**FW, WALLIS ISL** Jean-Gabriel, F4CIX is active as FW1JG together with his son Marin FW4AT until the end of January. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until March 21. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take JG8NQJ/JD1 is again active from Minami Torishima until mid-April. QRV mainly on CW and some FT8 (spare time). QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

**P4, ARUBA** Mathias, DL4MM is once again QRV as P4/DL4MM and P40AA (used for FT8/FT4 and during the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest on 26-28 January) until January 31. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via DL4MM.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Jeff, K8ND is active as PJ2ND until end January, also several entries in contests as PJ2T. QSL for PJ2ND via K8ND, PJ2T via KU9C.

**PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS** Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as PJ5/call until March 3. Activity on HF and in contests with the call PJ5Z. QSL via Club Log. <https://pj5-2024.dxpedititions.org/>

**TG, GUATEMALA** Steve, K4IM is active during January as TG9AWS. QSL via N2OO.

**TR, GABON** Look for Roland, F8EN (96 years old) again as TR8CR until the end of February. QRV on 30-10, CW. QSL via F6AJA.

**TZ, MALI** Jeff, K1MMB is once again active from Bamako as TZ4AM. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. Also 6 meter with a beacon as TZ6HY/B, when the bands opens he will be QRV there. QSL via KX4R.

**V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS** Bob, N4RF is once again active as V4/call until January 25. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct, OQRS or LoTW.

### **On the scene...702WX Yemen**



**V5, NAMIBIA** Gunter DK2WH is active as V51WH until April. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included.

**VP2M, MONTSEERRAT** Thaire, W2APF is once again active as VP2MDX until April 11. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, End-fed for 40M. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Elvira, IV3FSG is active as ZD7Z until February 4. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using SSB, CW, DIGI using IC-7300, Hexbeam, vertical and Inverted-L. QSL via IK2DUW, Club Log OQRS - Livestream.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Craig, KA8DSS is active as ZF2NB/ZF8 from Little Cayman until January 26. Operation on 17, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call direct.

**ZL7, CHATHAM ISL** A team consisting ZL1CAP, ZL1LDP, ZL1OV and ZL3SSB is active from the Chatham Islands as ZL7D until January 27. QRV on HF bands using Hexbeams and amps. QSL via EA3FLW.

## Coming up soon

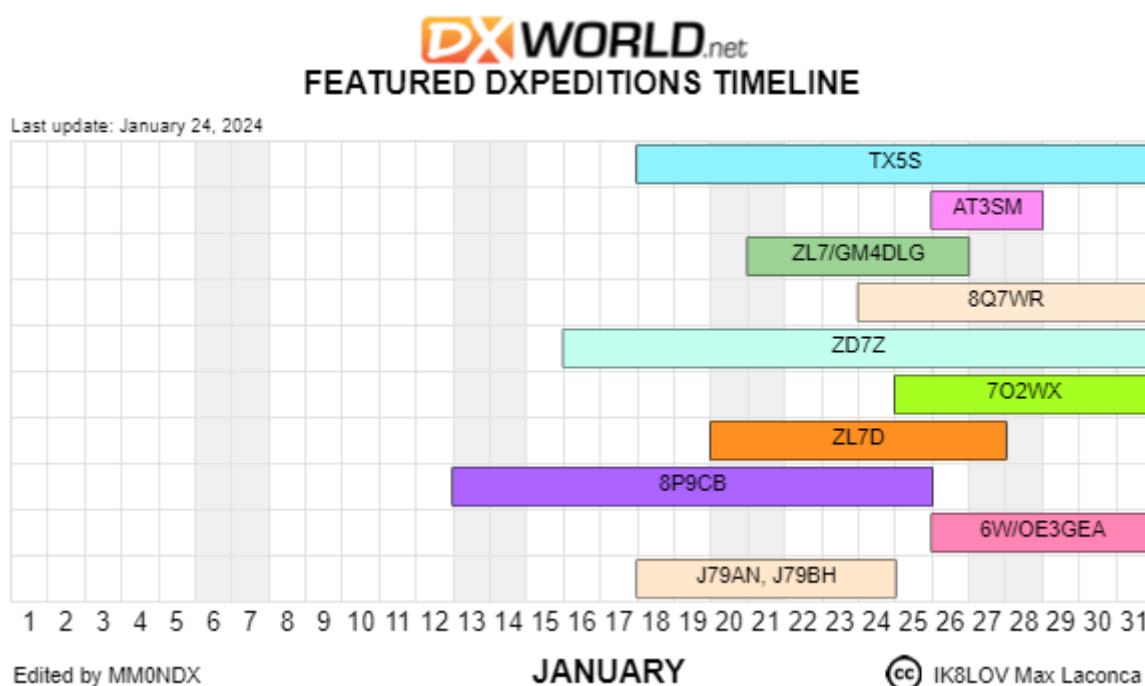
### 3D2AD, 5W8A and ZK3M tour

Hrane YT1AD and team will be active from Fiji (**3D2AD**), Samoa (**5W8A**) and Tokelau (**ZK3M** or **ZK3A**) during February 7 to March 1. The main target is Tokelau with activity period of February 15-25. The team is currently YT1AD, YT3M, K1LZ, K3JO (YT3WW), YU3AA, R7KW, VK3FY, LU9ESD, RC9O with his wife UA9OYL. 3-4 ops may be able to join the team, contact YT1AD for info. More info coming soon.

**6W, SENEGAL** Once again, Willy ON4AVT will be active as 6W7/call from Warang between February 3 and April 16. Operation during his spare time mostly on 40 meter and higher using SSB. During his afternoon between 14:00 and 15:00 UTC depending the propagation is the best chance. During his evening mostly on 40 and 30 meter. QSL via OQRS, LoTW.

**YJ, VANUATU** Takio JH3QFL and Mamoru JH3VAA will be operating as YJ0AA and YJ0MN between February 4-11. Operation on HF using mainly FT8 and Green Cube satellite. QSL via JH3QFL for paper cards or LoTW.

## DXCC timeline



## ANTARCTIC BASES

**Casey Station** Previously active in 2018-2019 from Macquarie Island as VK0AI, operator Norbert VK5MQ is now QRV from Casey Station when time permits. He has been there since mid-November, and writes that the Antarctic summer season at Casey station is expected to be very busy so it's not known how much time will be available for ham operations. QSL via VK5MQ.

**Davis Base** Until November 2024, David VK2JDS will occasionally be active from Davis Station, Antarctica using the callsign VK0DS. He hopes to be QRV on HF bands and will also try 2m EME using a single 12el yagi and 100 watts from an IC9700 using JT65A or Q65A-60 (or similar). He mentions that nothing is certain, and weather conditions and station duties will have precedent. David hopes to have LoTW up and running from Davis Station – updates to follow.

**Neumayer III** Felix, DL5XL will be active again as DP1POL from the German re- search station "Neumayer III", Antarctica (AN-016) starting around 20 January until early March. In his spare time he will operate mainly CW, with some digimode and SSB. QSL via LoTW, or via DL1ZBO; QSOs will also be uploaded to Club Log.

**Vernadsky Research Base** Serhiy, EM1EHR is now active as **EM1U** from Vernadsky Research Base, Antarctica. Briefly he was QRV as **VP8/UW5EHR**, but now uses the correct callsign.



# **IOTA**

## **This week on air**

### **AFRICA**

**AF-019 Lampedusa Isl** A Team with S51V, S52OT, S54W, S56N, S57DX, S57UN and S59A is active as IG9/S59A until January 28. Participation and focus in the CQWW 160 CW contest. Outside contest look for other IG9/homecalls; all bands / modes.

### **ASIA**

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take JS6RRR is operating as JI3DST/6, JJ5BRH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until April 1. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. The various calls are mentioned on different modes. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. QSL via QRZ.com.

**AS-096 St Mary's Isl** To mark the Amateur Radio Society of India's National Field Day, a group of more than 20 operators will be QRV on January 26 for 2 days. Look for AT3SM from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. More details at QRZ.com

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-022 Bali Isl** Emmanuel, FLIT is active as YB9/call until January 30. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call direct, logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

**OC-042 Luzon Isl** Mike, W6QT is active as DU3/call until end January. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

## **Coming up soon**

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-171 Magnetic Isl** Andy, VK5MAV will be operating as call/4 between February 6-11. QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW with some SSB. Log upload to Club Log.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will once again be active as TO1Q from March 25 for 2 weeks. Operation on HF and 6 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Yuri, VE3DZ will once again be operating as TO4A and as FM/call between

February 13 and February 21. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Geri, DK5KW will be QRV as TX0QRP from Tahiti between February 28 and March 3. QRP activity with 3 Watts using mainly CW and perhaps some FT8. QSL via home call.

**T8, PALAU** Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be operating as T88UW between March 15-24. Operation mainly using FT8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log.

**V4, ST KITTS** Once again, look for V47JA during February 17-24 from Calypso Bay. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**VP6, PITCAIRN ISL** Bill, G0VDE informs DX-World that he will be active as VP6WR during September 5-15. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using vertical / wire antennas and PA. Modes: SSB & FT8, maybe some CW. QSL info to follow.

## **THE REMINDERS**

**3B8, MAURITIUS** David, OK6DJ will be operating as 3B8/call between February 20 and February 27. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and FT8 using a vertical and dipole antenna. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

**5H, TANZANIA** Nobby, G0VJG will be operating as 5H3VJG from Zanzibar between March 8-20. Operation on HF using mainly SSB and FT8. An entry in the BERU contest is included. QSL via MOOXO.

**5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

**5R, MADAGASCAR** Borut, S53BV will be operating as 5R8BV from Nosy Be Island between February 13 and March 3. Activity on 80 and 40 meter using CW and SSB. Activity in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**5X, UGANDA** Thomas, DL7BO will be active as 5X7O from Kampala. Dates not yet known. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DJ6TF. More to follow.

**6O, SOMALIA** Team 6O3T will be operating sometime early 2024. Activity with a focus on the low bands and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

**On the scene...Part of the 8R7X team at the annual #BavarianContestClub #HL3K meeting in Linden, Germany**



**7P, LESOTHO** The EIDXG team will after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now be operating as 7P8EI during March 20-29. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via MOOXO. More to follow.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Look for Mariusz, SP5MDB from Vaavu Atoll as 8Q7SQ (dates TBA). Activity on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.



**8R, GUYANA** "Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old" (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) will be active from Guyana during February 14-24 as 8R7X. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW. The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they "want to encourage the next generation of DXpeditioners". NCDXF wants also "to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip". <https://8r-2024.com/>

**9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

**A3, TONGA** Pacific travellers W7Yaq, Bob and K7AR, Al will be active from the Nukuma'anu Cottages in Nuku'Alofa, Tonga from February 13-27. Our callsign is pending and will be announced when available. We will use our usual Elecraft K line stations. Antennas include a DX Commander Expedition Model, Butternut HF9V vertical and an inverted L for 160. We also use a pennant loop receive antenna for the low bands. We will be active in the ARRL CW Contest as a multi single effort. Logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or K7AR.

**A5, BHUTAN** Janusz SP9FIH / A52CI and SP6CIK / A52P will be active between April 19 and May 4. *'It is extremely difficult to find good QTH in Bhutan. The country is very mountainous with deep valleys surrounded by steep mountain ranges. Moreover, there is a high level of electromagnetic interference in the valleys.*

*We will stay high in Dochula Eco Retreat at about 3070m above sea level. Seems to be good open area short path to USA, Europe and Japan. However long path to North America will be through mountain range 3500m about 2 km from our hotel, so rather rely on a short path.'*



**CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ** A team with Nick XQ1KZ, Pablo CE1KV, Willy XQ3SA, Willy XQ3SK, Mike AB5EB, Ez HI3R, Otis NP4G, Mike AD5A, Zoli HA1AG, Trey N5KO and Marco CE1EW (Team Leader) will be operating as CB0ZA during February 13-20. Plans are to be QRV from the Juan Fernandez National Park CA-0022 from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, digi and EME (6 and 2 meter). QSL via HA1AG. <http://cb0za.com/>

**CY9, ST PAUL ISL** The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024.

**FH, MAYOTTE** Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 29-31, April 5-7, April 12-14 and April 20-21. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log.

**FK, NEW CALEDONIA** Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ will be operating as FK/calls during March

10-19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://www.c21gc.com/>  
**FOO, AUSTRAL ISL** Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 27 and April 3. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.  
**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Once again, FP/KV1J will be operating between July 2 and July 16. An entry in the IARU contest is included. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call or LoTW.  
**FR, REUNION ISL** Dates still to be confirmed, but look for Giovanni IZ2DPX as TO7PX. QRV from 40 to 6 meter using SSB & FT8 using fishing rod antenna. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via IK2DUW.  
**FT/G GLORIOSO ISL** Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL in the near future. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.  
**FT/X, KERGUELEN** It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..  
**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Stan LZ1GC and Ted LZ5QZ will be active as FW8GC and TX8GC between February 19 and March 9. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://www.c21gc.com/>  
**H40, TEMOTU** The Intrepid DX Group has released their next Dxpediton to Temotu Province as H40WA between February 22 and March 7. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://intrepid-dx.com/h40wa/>



**H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be QRV as H44MS from Manakwai Village during early February until end April. Operation on SSB and FT8, an entry in the CQ160 SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.  
**J3, GRENADA** A team of Belgian low band DXers with Franky ON7RU, Marc ON4MA, Marc ON6CC, Pascal ONRA, Patrick ON4HIL and Karel ON5TN will be QRV during March 4-16. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. <https://rockall.be/>  
**J8, ST VINCENT** Kevin, W1DED will once again be active as J8NKI between March 25 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.  
Below is a picture from a previous operation.  
**JD1, OGASAWARA** Look once again for JD1BQP between April 22 and May 3. Operation from 15 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.  
**JW, SVALBARD** Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL between October 9-14. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest SSB is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.  
**JW, SVALBARD** Kaare, LA8EKA will be active as JW8EKA between April 18-21. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.  
**PJ2, CURACAO** Andy, DK5ON will again be operating as PJ2/call from March 11 until March 27.



Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DK5ON direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

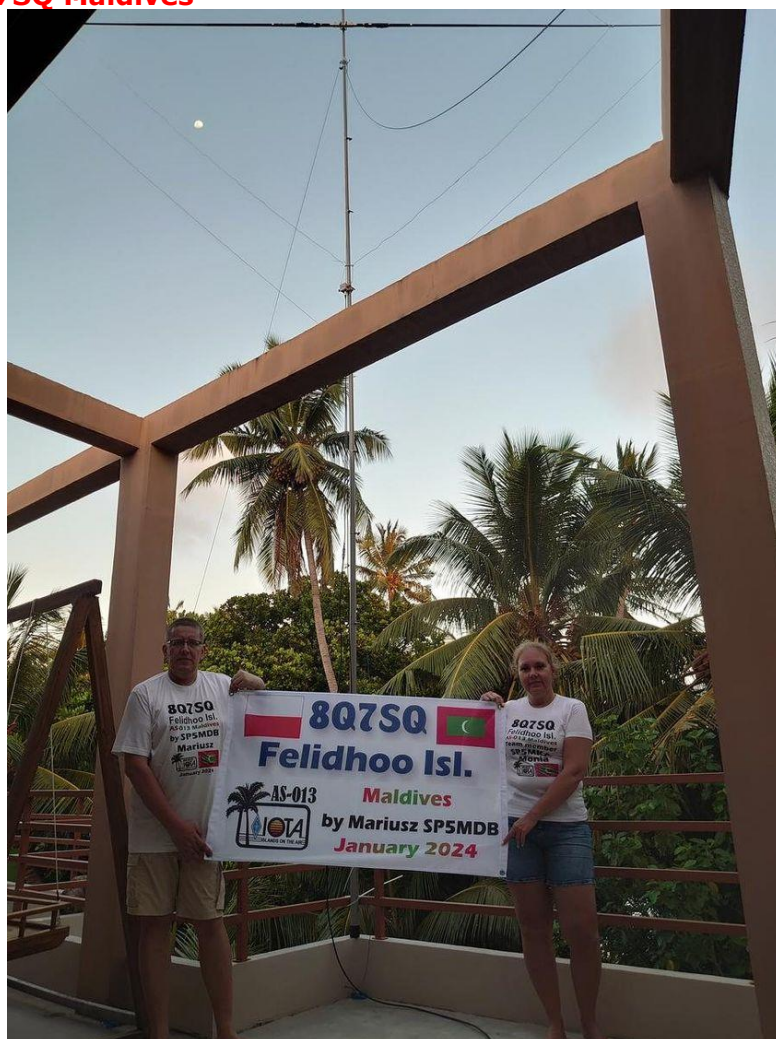
**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA between March 2 and March 10. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI** A German team with DF4GV, DK2AMM, DL4SVA, DJ7TO, DL1KWK and DL2AWG will be active between March 12 and March 27. Operation 24/7 with 3 stations as T32EU. QSL via DL2AWG.

**T8, PALAU** Hiro, JH6GFY will be active as T88GF between February 27 and March 1. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**TY, BENIN** Gerard F5NVF, Abdel 7X2TT and Luc F5RAV will be active as TY5C from Cotonou during March 2024. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. They are looking for support for the local radio club TY0HQ.

### On the scene...8Q7SQ Maldives



**V4, ST KITTS** Jeff, K1ZN (author of Nifty E-Z Guide to Adventures in DXing) will be active as V4/call during February 25 and March 4. Operation on various bands. QSL via home call.

**V4, ST KITTS** BJ, WA7WJR will be operating as V4/call between July 8 and July 12. Operation in 'holiday-style' with some Parks on the Air activations. QRV from 20 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL** Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

**VP9, BERMUDA** Darrell, AB2E will once again be QRV as call/VP9 between February 14-19. Operation primarily in the ARRL DX CW contest. Before and after that from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

**YJ, VANUATU** Look for a team led by N4VGE to be active as YJ0VV between October 16-30. An entry in several contests is included. *There are openings in the group for three to four more hams and their spouses. We are expecting excellent spring propagation for making European and North*

American contacts. Of course, the location will bring an abundance of Asian contacts as well. Antennas we plan on taking and erecting include parasitic phased verticals, BuddiHex Hexbeam, 160 Cable Help long wire, and 40-80 meter G5RV long wires.'

**YN, NICARAGUA** Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. QSL via home call.

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Adrian, G0KOM will be active as ZC4MK between March 26 and April 1. An entry in the CQWW WPX contest is included. QSL via home call.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Oliver, W6NV will once again be active as ZD7W during mid-February. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest (Feb 17-18). QSL via home call.

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** Lance, W7GJ will be active as ZD9GJ on a 6m EME DXpedition. QRV between August 23 and September 30.

## **IOTA**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **OCEANIA**

**OC-063 Mangareva Isl** Bill, G0VDE will be operating as FO/call during September 17-21. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, FT8 and some CW. QSL info to follow.



### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-107 Samet Isl** E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

**AS-122 Paengnyong Isl** Ji, DS1TUW will once again be QRV as call/2 between February 29 and March 3. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8, depending the propagation. Club Log Live stream will be activated to avoid duplicates. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or home call.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-079 Dry Tortugas Isl** Look for N4T and W3NY during February 23-26. Operation from 80 to 2 meter using SSB and perhaps Satellite. In addition to POTA, the park is also a contact for Islands on the Air (IOTA) & (USI) and Lighthouses on the Air (ARLHS). Our plans are to activate both Garden Key as well as the Lighthouse on Loggerhead Key.

#### **OCEANIA**

**OC-261 Flinders Isl** The team that activated VK5TIL last year is going to be active again this year from Flinders Island, South Australia, between 14-21st April 2024. 6 operators (VK5GR, VK5PAS, VK5HS, VK5LA, VK5FR and VK5GA) will be running all modes from

160m-70cm, including both both terrestrial and satellite modes. We will be participating in both the IOTA programs (OC-261) and the WWFF programs, with the main station is located in VKFF-0175 and additional island portable activities also planned from the two other parks zone VKFF-1717 and VKFF-4307 while there.

The last IOTA activation from the island was by Craig VK5CE/P back in August 2013 so this has been dormant for some time now. We hope that the combination of IOTA and WWFF activity will be of interest not only domestically but globally as well. QSLs will be handled by M0OXO via his OQRS service. Cards and LoTW will be available at the appropriate times. We are also looking at how we might use CLub Log during the event as well.

If you would like to find out more, you can visit our [website](#) . We will be adding further information as the project planning is completed. The team is looking forward to working everyone in April!

## **Special calls**

### **THE REMINDERS**

**9A, CROATIA** Throughout 2024 Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A67AA** to mark his 67 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**9A, CROATIA 9A100RKZ** is the special callsign celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Radioklub Zagreb was founded (24 March 1924). Look for activity throughout 2024. QSL via 9A1ADE. (TNX 42DX)

**DL, GERMANY** The following special event stations call attention to the formation of the German Radio Cartel, a first consortium of German broadcasting stations, 100 years ago: **DB100FK, DC100FK, DD100FK, DF100FK, DL100FK, DM100FK, DQ100FK, DR100FK, DM100MW, and DR100PE**. QRV from Jan. 1 until May 31 in 2024. Awards are also available, see: <https://100fk.de>. Confirmations will only be handled digitally: eQSL, LoTW, Club Log, DCL, and a downloadable "card". (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** DARC Team SES will operate special event callsign **DM24EHF** on 6-28 January. The suffix stands for stands for European Handball Federation, whose 16th edition of the European Men's Handball Championship will be hosted in Germany (10-28 January). QSL via the bureau, or direct to DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

**EI, IRELAND** Special event callsign **EI80MB** will be active from 1 November to 31 May 2024 to commemorate the 80th anniversary since 168 German seamen were miraculously rescued from the waters of the Bay of Biscay after a battle between British and German naval forces (29 December 1943). QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via EI6AL. (TNX 425DX)

**EI, IRELAND** Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Special callsign **TM26PVJ** will be activated from 26 January to 4 February for the 26th "Percee du Vin Jaune", the festival celebrating the "Opening of the Yellow Wine" which this year will take place at Arbois (Jura). QSL via F8GGZ. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Look for **TM21AAW** to be on air from 4 to 18 February. Activity is to celebrate the 21th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on <http://www.qrz.com/db/TM21AAW>. Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his Qth of Mâcon, east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH). The new reference for WAP program is 353. Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters. QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 2 USD) or via Buro. (TNX DXNL) For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to [www.waponline.it](http://www.waponline.it)

**HH, HAITI** Members of the Radio Club d'Haiti (HH2RCH) will be active as **HH220Y** on 1-31 January to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the declaration of the former colony's independence (1 January 1804). QSL via N20O.

**GW, WALES** Kev, GW0PUH will be active as **GB9KW** on 2-28 January using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd during the 1960s and 1970s. Main activity will be over the "KW Weekend" (6-7 January). Other special 11allsigns are expected to be on the air, e.g. GB2KW (Scotland), GB4KW & GB8KW (England). (TNX 42DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** Members of the Zurich City Police Radio Amateur Club (HB9SP) will be active as **HB2OSP** throughout 2024 to celebrate their club's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and qrz.com; do not send any card via the bureau. (TNX 42DX)

**I, ITALY** Throughout 2024 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns each representing a "keyword" that summarizes and characterizes the content of a sentence from one of Guglielmo Marconi's many public speeches: II4TENC (January), II4INTU (February), II4SUCC (March), II4DETR (April), II4SEAS (May), II4RDFE (June), II4INNV (July), II4BFRE (August), II4OTSR



(September), II4VISN (October), II4BTFU (November), II4FCGD (December). QSL via IQ4FE. Information about the "Discovering Marconi" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

**A great picture of Nodir EY8MM taken by Jacky ZL3CW on Clipperton today. It's Nodir's birthday. Happy Birthday OM!**



**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special 12allsigns during 2024 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ235IR** (January and February), **LZ543BN** (March and April), **LZ44IZ** (May and June), **LZ302IT** (July and August), **LZ1515IW** (September and October), and **LZ311PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2024 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE24BI** draws attention to Bad Ischl, European Capital of Culture 2024. QRV from January until the end of June. (TNX DXNL)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE100RADIO** celebrates the centennial of radio broadcasting during 2024. (TNX DXNL)

**OE, AUSTRIA OE40WO** celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club Wolfsberg ADL 084 until 4 April 2024. QSL via OE8XDX (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

**ON, BELGIUM** Throughout 2024, the Radio Club de Liège (LGE) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the special call sign **OR100LGE** will be activated from 6m to 160m, mainly on FT8/FT4, CW and SSB. Livestream on Club Log. <https://clublog.org/livestream/or100lge>. QSL via LOTW, Club Log and e-qsl.

**ON, BELGIUM OT65BXE** is the special callsign for members of UBA Section Bruxelles-Est to

celebrate their club's 65th anniversary on 1-31 January. QSL via ON5UB. (TNX 425DX)

**OZ, DENMARK** Denmark is celebrating Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II and His Majesty King Frederik X. Sunday 14. January 2024, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II will abdicate and leave the throne to her son His Royal Highness Crownprince Frederik, who will be sworn in as the new King of Denmark. For this reason, the Experimental Danish Radio amateurs association (EDR for short) and Faroe Radio Amateurs (FRA for short) will activate six Special Event Stations with the following call signs **OZ24QUEEN - OX24QUEEN - OY24QUEEN - OZ24KING - OX24KING - OY24KING**. Read more info in the attached document and please inform your clubs and spread the message. Latest news on <https://www.qrz.com/db/OZ24KING>

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** **PA23XMAS**, **PH23XMAS**, and **PD23SANTA** are currently active. **PD24HNY** stays on the air until the end of January. See also: <https://www.qrz.com/db/PA23XMAS> (TNX DXNL)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Celebrating the New Year, special call **PD24HNY** is QRV until 31 January. QSL cards will not be issued. (TNX 425DX)

**SM, SWEDEN** **SK100FRK** is the special callsign celebrating the 100 anniversary since Falu Radioklubb (SK4AO) was founded. Look for activity during 2024. A very special diploma will be available - see <https://www.qrz.com/db/SK100FRK>. (TNX 42DX)

**SM, SWEDEN** **SK50B** is the special callsign for members of the Botkyrka Radioamatörer to celebrate their club's golden jubilee throughout 2024. The club was founded on 18 January 1974. QSL via the bureau to SK0HB. (TNX 42DX)

**SP, POLAND** **SN15AXI** honours the memory of Janek Bonikowski, SP3AXI, a scout leader and amateur radio elmer, who died in 2008. QRV until the end of January 2024. QSL via bureau or eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

**UA, RUSSIA** Special callsigns **R2024NY** and **UE24NY** are active until January 8 for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club. QSLs via RQ7L. (TNX 42DX)

**VK, AUSTRALIA** **VI100MB** is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until 25 February 2024. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**VU, INDIA** VU3EFG, VU3FJT, and VU2OGQ operate together as **AT5D** from Kanyakumari until January 31 for a Beaches on the Air activation. QSL via VU3EFG. (TNX DXNL)

**VU, INDIA** The special event callsign **AT3POG** is operated by Guru VU3GWN, Arvind VU3CIQ, Rajesh VU3TBU, and Shyam VU3UZD until March 31. (TNX DXNL)

**W, USA** The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (**K3Y/0 through K3Y/9**), **plus /KH6, /KL7 and /KP4**. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>. (TNX 42DX)

**ZL, NEW ZEALAND** Active from 1 October to 31 May 2024, **ZL6WG** is a special event callsign promoting the 98th NZART annual conference that will be held in Christchurch on 1-2 June next year. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available. (TNX 425DX)  
<https://hamradio.co.nz/award/>

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